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## HYBRID SWEET CORN SEED

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### Sweet Corn Hybrids For 1953

Huntington Brothers are not general seedmen but are specialists in hybrid sweet corn seed, selling only what seed they themselves have grown in their own fields. We do not buy and sell seed from other sources. In an effort to improve our hybrid seed, three years ago we decided to grow our own inbreds. We believe we could produce for our crossings better strains of inbreds than we could purchase from other growers. All the inbreds used in our plantings in 1952 were our own production.

There are various ways in which a hybrid variety can be improved. One way is to secure better inbreds used in crossings by very careful selection during their growing season, roguing out all undesirable plants. Another way is by the use of a different parent, provided the maturing season is unchanged and other desirable traits bettered. A third way is by a combination of the first two. Seed of superior quality for that variety is our aim and we believe we are attaining that goal. By quality seed we mean seed that will produce outstanding results—more uniform and vigorous growth and heavier yields in the field. Our Improved Spancross is foremost as an extra early variety. During the past season, our Carmelcross (C13.30) and Hoosier Gold were reported to be outstanding. Careful breeding is bound to show up and we are pleased to offer this seed for 1953.

Other essentials in the production of quality seed are proper isolation of the fields and a thorough job of detasselling. Our curing sheds are ideal to insure bright clean seed of high germination. The crop is screened into flat and round grades to meet the requirements of machine planters. Two grades are then made of the round kernels—large and medium sizes—and are sold at special discounts. (See price list.) All seed is treated with a fungicide before being shipped.

We offer what we believe to be the best varieties for their season of maturity. Planted all at the same time, a succession of corn for over three weeks is assured. Later plantings of the midseason variety will greatly extend the sweet corn season. Hoosier Gold and Golden Cross Bantam are orginations of the Purdue Agricultural Experiment Station. All the others came from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Our offerings are all yellow in color and are equally good for the home gardener or market grower. The midseason and late varieties are unexcelled for freezing.

IMPROVED SPANCROSS. This is a new strain of Spancross, much better than the original—earlier, larger ears, and better quality. The plants are sturdy, very productive, and resistant to cold and wilt. An unbeatable variety for those catering to the extra early market. The earliest hybrid, by 7 days, in tests by the Connecticut Station in 1951.

**IMPROVED MARCROSS.** This widely known variety follows the above by some six days. Usually there are 12 rows of light yellow kernels of good quality on ears of good size. Careful selection of the inbred parents has improved our strain of Marcross.

WASHINGTON. This fine new hybrid matures in season with Marcross. The ears are of good size but the kernels are sweeter, more tender, and of better quality than the latter. It has the usual hybrid traits of vigor, productiveness, and resistance to wilt.

**CARMELCROSS.** This strain of Carmelcross follows the original patern and is a fine midseason variety five days later than Marcross. There are 12 to 14 rows of golden yellow kernels on ears of good size. The plants are thrifty, vigorous, and very productive. A favorite midseason variety when quality is considered.

**CARMELCROSS.** (C13.30). Using C30 instead of P39 as a parent, has resulted in a variety much like the original cross. Both mature at the same time and are alike in vigor, productiveness, and quality. However, the C30 strain seems to do better in many localities and so we are forced to grow and list it.

HOOSIER GOLD. An All-American selection for 1951, this new hybrid matures about with Grant. The ears are longer than those of Carmelcross and carry 12 to 14 rows of deep yellow kernels of excellent quality. A very good yielder, this variety warrants a thorough trial.

**GRANT.** This fine big hybrid fills in between Carmelcross and Lincoln. It is an extra heavy grower with a handsome ear, very attractive to the midseason trade. Quality good to excellent. Grant is fast growing in popularity as its very large size appeals to customers.

**LINCOLN.** A reliable favorite, maturing four days after Grant, and some 80 days after planting, about with the old Golden Bantam. The large ear bears 12 to 16 rows of deep yellow kernels of good quality. Wilt resistant and a heavy yielder.

LEE (P39.C27.) Maturing at the same time as Lincoln, Lee seems to do better in some localities and is thus preferred to Lincoln. The ears are large, cylindrical, about eight inches long with 12 to 14 rows of broad yellow kernels. Quality good to excellent. Repeated calls for Lee have forced us to put it back in our list.

GOLDEN CROSS BANTAM (P39.51.) This is the latest maturing variety on our list, ripening a few days after Lincoln and Lee. Large ears with 12 to 16 rows of deep yellow kernels of excellent quality. An old but still very popular hybrid sweet corn.

Prices given below are net per pound, check or money order to accompany order. Orders under 200 pounds will be shipped prepaid to any point in the United States. The purchaser will pay shipping charges on orders in excess of this quantity, and should indicate whether shipment is to be made by express or freight. Please bear in mind that varieties can not be combined to obtain lower prices on the larger unit. Prices listed are for flat knernels only. Any of the prices listed may be discounted four cents per pound for the large round kernels and six cents per pound for the medium round ones. Take a special quantity discount of three cents per pound on orders of 200 pounds or over.

Prices are subject to change without notice. There will be no substitution without the permission of the purchaser.

#### **Price List**

	Prepaid			Not Prepaid	
	1 lb.	2-4 lbs.	5-19 lbs.	20-99 lbs.	100 lbs.
Improved Spancross	60c	55c	48c	43c	40c
Improved Marcross	60c	55c	48c	43c	40c
Washington	60c	55c	48c	43c	40c
Carmelcross (P39.C13)	60c	55c	48c	43c	40c
Carmelcross (C13.30)	60c	55c	48c	43c	40c
Hoosier Gold	70c	65c	58c	53c	50c
Grant	60c	55c	48c	43c	40c
Lincoln	60c	55c	48c	43c	40c
Lee	60c	55c	48c	43c	40c
Golden Cross Bantam	60c	55c	48c	43c	40c
Price all varieties in	less	than 1 lb	lots at 72	cents per	r lb.

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